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STRIPTEES

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"With, or without an Orchid to friend or foe, I'll Tee an opinion wherever it may go"

HAZARDS . . . Sometimes too much publicity heaped upon a guy turns a minor group of people against even the sound of his name. This is largely true in the fellow's own home town. Those who would discredit a man due to the publicity he has received are found to be persons who have been denied experiences, never left home, and who prefer to take their heroes from another hamlet.

We have, on occasions, although we have battled against it, found ourselves stringing along in this minority group.

What a pity. We were in Torrance only a short while when the magic name of Zamperini started something within us. We started prying into the records, in an attempt to satisfy ourselves that this much printed name was even more unwarranted in print than our own.

Intimate happenings that have occurred to the owner of the magic name, even prior to his Army service, were revealed to us by his intimate friends. Misfortune was in his path. Adventure would confront him at every crossroad. We were convinced that he was genuinely news worthy; hot copy, and not a publicity tout.

Much has been written about Louie, but it would take a book, preferably handled by Gene Fowler, to do the guy justice.

Even before we met Zamperini, we were convinced of the unlimited material his life story offered.

But, and this is a confession, we were still reluctant to handle a story concerning the Zamp. Being a just man, (that's us) we held our opinions in silent abeyance.

Louis Zamperini Arrives
You don't meet Zamperini as you would expect to. The guy is completely unaffected by the pomp heaped upon him. He doesn't have to say a thing in order to glow with the magic of his make-up.

He meets everyone alike. Plays no favorites and assumes no role for self gain. Louis is a natural prey for anyone who wants to do all the talking. His modesty suffers agonies when he is singled out as a hero; in fact he sincerely resents it. And, publicity embarrasses him, which now makes us wonder why we have subjected him this far.

But as we started out to say, the guy is deserving of every kind and noble thing said of him.

Yes, you just have to meet Louis Zamperini to fully appreciate the magic he carries with his name.

TAL Puts Dix Manufacturing Down With 3-0

The Torrance American Legion ball club knocked out a 3-0 victory over the Dix Manufacturers Sunday, which was credited to the 6-hit pitching of Lefty O'Regan and the timely hitting of Tommy Kincannon. Kincannon led TAL in batting honors by knocking the horsehide loose from the ball for a double and a home run. Rumors say the local ball club may soon have its star players back in the line-up for forthcoming games which should make Torrance the strongest semi-pro team in Los Angeles County.

These rumors hint TAL pitchers Henderson and Cottle have requested release from the California Baseball League in addition to other players who were not named.

Bob McNeil has been released by Santa Barbara to the Fresno Cardinals of the same league.

Softball League Officers Listed For New Season

During the second meeting of the Torrance Industrial Softball League Monday night in the City Hall, Robert Moffitt was elected to head the group for the forthcoming season. Moffitt was named president of the league by the eight team managers and representatives present.

Other officers elected are: A. W. Daniels, vice president, and M. J. "Bud" Edwards, secretary-treasurer.

It was announced league play will begin May 14 at 8:30 p.m. in the Torrance City Park. The opening night, in addition to the three following nights will feature double headers, the group said.

CONDEMNATION TITLE SEARCH ON PARK ASKED

City Attorney J. E. McCall has been granted authority to order a title search of the Fern avenue park property being purchased from the Los Angeles school district under condemnation proceedings. McCall told the City Council Tuesday night that a condemnation title search is needed as the suit progresses. The park now is being improved by the city, with its purchase assured.



TOPS BOWL CARD . . . David Mendoza (above), promising young Wilmington lightweight, will engage Bobby Corhill of Compton College in the main event of the amateur fight show at the Wilmington Bowl tomorrow (Friday) night.

Ashton Scores 289 For Week's High Shoot

Revolver scores for the week ending April 21 on the Torrance Police Revolver Club course are as follows:

Name	Strings	Avg.
Ernest Ashton	3	231.0
Oliver Medicus	4	273.3
Edward Miller	4	253.8

High score for the week went to Police Captain Ernie Ashton who missed a perfect score by 11 points with 289.0.

Applications for membership still are being accepted by the club which reorganized early this month. Latest member to be accepted by the group is Charles Gotts, operator of Daniels and Vurp's Cafes.

FINED FOR BATTERY

Paul Sloan, truck driver, 1340 W. 218th st., was fined \$100 Friday in City court for battery as the result of a complaint signed by Lloyd Waltmeyer, 1342 W. 218th st., bus driver for the city. Judge John Shidler suspended \$75 of the fine, court records reveal.

Lomita Heavy Makes Bowl Debut Friday

Sonny Seaggs, a powerfully built Lomita heavyweight who is just out of the service, will make his fistic debut in Southern California at the Wilmington Bowl tomorrow (Friday) night when he tackles Buddy Smith of Los Angeles Main Street gym in the four-round special.

Seaggs is managed by Art Hoehn, a Lomita businessman, who figures his boy has a promising professional future.

Hoehn likely will find out tomorrow night about that future, because Seaggs' opponent packs a wallop in both fists, having won his second straight kayo victory at the Bowl with a one-round knockout last Friday night.

Main event of the evening's show will bring out Bobby Corhill, the promising Compton College football-player-turned-boxer, against Wilmington latest fistic pride, Davey Mendoza, while in the semiwrapup it's Shorty Contreras, just back from another hitch in the Merchant Marine, against Danny Burns of the Main Street gym.

Promoter, matchmaker Joe Craig has another powerful supporting show lined up, with a full program of eight bouts. Top preliminary match brings out Mix Louis, a new heavyweight "white hope" from Huntington Park, in a rematch against James Warrior. The pair battled to a draw last week. First match on the eight-bout show will begin at 8:30 p.m.

According to Steelways, twenty million horseshoes were sold in 1943 at an average price of 17.5 cents a shoe. A factory in Joliet, Ill., accounts for more than 70 percent of all horseshoes made.

Torrance Splits Doubleheader With San Pedro

The Torrance Athletic Club Friday split a twin bill with the San Pedro Boys Club at Torrance City Park, dropping the nightcap, 6-0, after winning the opener 10-9.

A five run rally in the eighth inning of the ball game gave Torrance the victory in the curtain raiser. The San Pedro boys were enjoying a 9-5 lead at the time the locals decided to run the bases which weakened the invaders' pitcher, Eddie Hughes, and put the ball game on ice.

First game batteries: Hughes and Guglielmo; Theodosias Meyers and Bennett. Second game: Saggiani and Guglielmo Waters, Bennett and Meyers.

OLD-TIME DANCE ANNOUNCED BY TOWNSEND CLUB

A regular social and building dance of the Townsend Club has been announced by club secretary, Mrs. Ethelyn Vorhis. This affair will be presented Friday evening in the Torrance Men's Bible class building. The club invites members and their friends to participate in the old-time dances and to share in the refreshments to be served.

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MARINE LEAGUE STAR . . . Fleetfooted John Moffitt, 220 flash of the Narbonne Gauchos, breaks the tape during a recent meet with Banning high school on the Lomitan's home field. Ward of Banning is pictured near dirt on Moffitt's left, while Brown of Narbonne pulls up to third position in the 220-yard heat. Moffitt's time for this event was recorded at 22.8, slightly above his previous mark of 22.3, which is near par for the All-City's high markers. The youthful Gaucho has not been beaten this season and is expected to win another one against San Pedro this afternoon. John also runs the anchor position on the relay team.

High School Baseball Season Gets Under Way

The Marine League baseball schedule for the coming season will be as follows:

April 23, Torrance at Narbonne, Banning at Gardena, San Pedro bye.

April 26, Banning at Torrance, Gardena at San Pedro, Narbonne bye.

April 30, Torrance at San Pedro, Narbonne at Banning, Gardena bye.

May 2, Narbonne at Gardena, San Pedro at Banning, Torrance bye.

May 7, Gardena at Torrance, San Pedro at Narbonne, Banning bye.

May 9, Narbonne at Torrance, Gardena at Banning, San Pedro bye.

May 14, Torrance at Banning, San Pedro at Gardena, Narbonne bye.

May 17, San Pedro at Torrance, Banning at Narbonne, Gardena bye.

May 21, Gardena at Narbonne, Banning at San Pedro, Torrance bye.

May 24, Torrance at Gardena, Narbonne at San Pedro, Gardena bye.

May 31, Dorsey Tournament. June 7, Dorsey Tournament.

Tartars Down Narbonne In Season Opener

Opening the first game of Marine League baseball, Torrance high school downed the Narbonne Gauchos with a score of 4-3 Tuesday on Narbonne high school's home diamond.

Little Pete Dodos, Tartar second sacker, was the star of the day with a home run over the fence to score the leading run.

"Arky" Joe Waters, Tartar pride of the slab, out-struck his opposing hurler, Herby Inouye, 11-6 for the seven innings of the ball game. The Gauchos grabbed their three runs in the second and seventh inning off four hits, while the Tartars scored in the second, fourth and sixth innings with four hits. Batteries: Torrance, Waters and Bennett. Narbonne, Inouye and Kelley.

The Torrance "B" team also scored one up on Narbonne with a 3-2 to take the season's opener. Batteries: Torrance, Theodosias, Turner and Light. Narbonne, Schildmeyer and Pettet.

Lions' Softball Team Meets Oxnard Saturday

The Lions Softball team, comprised of Torrance youths, go to bat against the Ellis Cleaners of Oxnard Saturday in the Torrance City Park. The northern softball club was previewed by Dale Riley last Sunday while in that city.

Riley said the boys, who played a Ventura club, showed a strong team and the locals would have to play heads-up ball in order to down the northern threat.

Frank Daniels Opening Sports Goods Store

Frank W. Daniels, popular chief clerk of the Torrance War Price and Rationing board during the war, will open Daniels Sports Shop at 117 So. Elena ave., or 101 Highway, in Redondo Beach on Saturday.

Daniels will feature hunting and fishing equipment, golf, baseball, tennis, archery and other athletic equipment, outboard motors and small boats. He is agent in Torrance, Redondo Beach and Lomita for A. G. Spaulding & Bros., Inc., W. J. Voit, Rubber Corp., Evinrude Outboard Motors, and Century Auto Caddy.

Daniels, who came to Torrance from his position as general manager of the Beverly Hills agency of Greer-Robbins Co., is himself a former semi-pro baseball player, basketball coach and an angler who knows every lake and stream in the west.

Mrs. Daniels will open a gift and greeting card shop in conjunction with the sporting goods store.

In addition to his sporting goods store, Daniels, a realtor, is retaining his real estate office in Torrance under the management of John V. Murray.

Baseball Schedule Of High Schools Gets Under Way

Two games Tuesday lifted the lid on the 1946 Marine league baseball season. Narbonne played host to Torrance, and Banning journeyed to Gardena.

San Pedro, drawing league bye, traveled to Long Beach for a practice tilt with Jordan. The Pirates will play their first league game of the campaign today when Gardena invades San Pedro.

The Marine league schedule: April 23, Torrance at Narbonne; Banning at Gardena, April 25, Gardena at San Pedro; Torrance at Torrance, April 30, Torrance at San Pedro; Narbonne at Banning.

May 3, San Pedro at Banning; Narbonne at Gardena, May 7, San Pedro at Narbonne; Gardena at Torrance, May 9, Narbonne at Torrance; Gardena at Banning, May 14, San Pedro at Gardena; Torrance at Banning, May 17, San Pedro at Torrance; Banning at Narbonne, May 21, Banning at San Pedro; Gardena at Narbonne, May 24, Narbonne at San Pedro; Torrance at Gardena.

May 31, June 4-7, Dorsey tournament.

THS Scholarship Society Students To Attend Parley

In its first post-war conclave, the California Scholarship Federation will hold its Southern Region Convention April 27 at Pepperdine College in Los Angeles.

Following registration and the business meeting, the students and sponsors will be addressed on International Relations by Dr. W. L. Hineman of USC. Those who plan to attend from Torrance high school are Nelle Hocott, Barbara Lisman, Beverly Hopkins, Marilyn Lee, Polly Robinson, Nancy Ringle and Miss Irene Mills, sponsor.

SCHOOL BUS CONTRACT
Subject to the approval of the Los Angeles City Board of Education, the contract to transport approximately 20 students to the Narbonne High School from the Walteria area to Narbonne ave. and Highway 101 in Lomita, will be granted the Torrance Municipal Bus Line for the school year 1946-47 at the rate of \$1.50, or \$270 a year, it was announced today.

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